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The meeting was called to order at 3.10 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM 12: REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL (continued)

Draft resolution on prevention and control of acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) (A/C.2/46/L.33)

1. Ms. FREUDENSCHUSS-REICHL (Austria) introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the sponsors, who had been joined by Poland. While the Committee had sometimes been criticized for debating issues which made no difference in the real world, such charges were soundly refuted by its attention to the serious issue of AIDS and human immunodeficiency virus (HIV). The draft resolution had been developed from previous resolutions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council on the same topic, and her delegation believed that the draft could be further improved. While consensus was an essential condition for the adoption of all the Committee's resolutions, the sponsors had stressed the importance of consensus in the case of the draft resolution in question, in view of the gravity of its subject-matter.

Draft resolution on the report of the Committee for Development Planning: criteria for identifying the least developing countries (A/C.2/46/L.34)

2. Mr. KUFUOR (Ghana), speaking on behalf of the Group of 77, introduced resolution A/C.2/46/L.34 on behalf of the sponsors. The Committee for Development Planning had elaborated new criteria for the inclusion of countries in the list of least developed countries, and the draft resolution sought to give effect to its recommendations in that regard. He hoped that the draft text would receive the support of the Committee.

AGENDA ITEM 77: DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION (continued) (A/46/330 and Corr.1, A/C.2/46/6)

3. The CHAIRMAN drew attention to document A/C.2/46/6, in which the Chairman of the Fifth Committee had invited the Second Committee to review and make recommendations on the reformulated programme 21 (Public administration and finance) of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997, contained in document A/46/330 and Corr.1. If he heard no objection, he would take it that the Committee authorized him to transmit the summary record of the meeting to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee, confirming that the Second Committee had duly reviewed the matter.

4. It was so decided.

(j) EFFECTIVE MOBILIZATION AND INTEGRATION OF WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT (continued)

Draft resolutions on the International Forum on Health - A Conditionality for Economic Development: Breaking the Cycle of Poverty and Inequity (A/C.2/46/L.14 and L.29)

5. Mr. KUFUOR (Ghana), speaking on behalf of the sponsors of draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.14, said that they had been joined by Algeria, Nigeria, Papua New Guinea and Uganda.

6. Mr. ZIARAN (Islamic Republic of Iran), Vice-Chairman, introduced draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.29, which he was submitting on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.14. Expressing his appreciation to all delegations for the flexibility they had displayed, he recommended that the resolution should be adopted without a vote.

7. Draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.29 was adopted.

8. Mr. SHOJI (Japan) said that, while his delegation had joined in sponsoring draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.14, he felt obliged to express his concern that the resolution might create an undesirable precedent whereby the Committee adopted resolutions on every international conference. In addition, it was unfortunate that the resolution had mentioned an individual's name, as that practice could result in the proliferation of names in future resolutions. He therefore hoped that the resolution would not be seen as setting any precedent.

9. Mr. KUFUOR (Ghana), speaking on behalf of the sponsors of draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.14, thanked the Committee for its cooperation in adopting the resolution, as the topic was one of great importance to all delegations.

10. With reference to the point raised by the previous speaker, he regretted that the objection had not been made when the Economic and Social Council had adopted a resolution on a similar topic, in which mention was made of a specific individual. It was important for the Committee to act in a consistent and principled manner, and the objection should therefore have been raised during the session of the Economic and Social Council when the precedent, if any, had been set.

11. Draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.14 was withdrawn by the sponsors.

The meeting rose at 3.30 p.m.